**PATENT** 

REMARKS

Claims 1-45 are pending in the present application. In the above preliminary

amendments, claim 3 has been amended to correct a minor editorial problem, and new claims 46-

50 have been added.

Applicants respectfully request examination of the application with consideration of

claims 1-50 as presented herein. Applicants believe claims 1-50 to be patentable and accordingly

request early allowance of the application

<u>Drawings</u>

Applicants submit that the above amendments to the drawings do not make any

substantive changes or introduce any new material, but are simply the correction of typographical

errors. Applicants further submit that the amendments are consistent with the specification as

originally submitted. Therefore, approval and entry of the above amendments are respectfully

requested.

**Specification** 

Applicants provide herewith amendments to the specification. The amendments to the

specification are made by presenting marked up replacement paragraphs which identify changes

made relative to the immediate prior version.

The changes made are primarily typographical or grammatical in nature, or involve minor

clarifications of awkward wordings.

Applicants believe these changes add no new matter to the application and are fully

supported by the original disclosure.

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## REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all pending claims in the application are Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly patentable. solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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